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Request for help and assistance

Dear International Colleagues,

LLC "ZAKUPKI:UA" which is the operator of the authorized electronic platform "Zakupki UA" (website: <https://zakupki.com.ua>), through which transparent public competitive procurement in Ukraine is conducted, appeals to you with the following request.

Since February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation has been carrying out military aggression against Ukraine, bombing peaceful settlements, destroying infrastructure, deliberately killing and terrorizing thousands of people, is committing genocide against the Ukrainian population. Many people lost their homes and livelihoods and became refugees. On March 16, 2022, the UN International Court of Justice in The Hague granted Ukraine's request to stop Russia's military invasion of Ukraine <https://www.icj-cij.org/public/files/case-related/182/182-20220316-ORD-01-00-EN.pdf>, but Russia ignored this request, reaffirming its terrorist intentions.

Due to the war, Ukraine has simplified the procurement mechanism as much as possible to urgently meet the needs of the economy and defense in martial law. In peacetime, the main source of income for LLC "ZAKUPKI:UA" were payments related to participation in public procurement, for which there was an opportunity to serve the Internet platform, provide consulting support to users - tenderers and contracting authorities. As a simplified procurement mechanism has been introduced and the economic situation has significantly deteriorated in Ukraine due to the Russian invasion, LLC "ZAKUPKI:UA" is no longer able to receive payments for online services and therefore can not finance the costs of maintaining the electronic platform "Zakupki UA", payment of wages and benefits to employees who were forced to leave their homes in the war zone. Currently, the electronic platform "Zakupki UA", through which information on purchases continues to be published free of charge, is on the verge of closure. The situation is extremely difficult, so we need financial support, which we hope will be able to cover the salaries of staff who have already suffered significant moral and material damage from the barbaric Russian invasion.

Given the above, we ask you to help the project of transparent honest available open competitive public procurement in Ukraine, which can be expressed in replenishing the personal account on the electronic platform "Zakupki UA" (website: <https://zakupki.com.ua>). If necessary, your Organization will be able to use these funds in the future to participate in Ukrainian public procurement, when our independent country will once again have a peaceful sky and have to revive the infrastructure of the affected regions: build new medical facilities, schools, kindergartens, universities, homes, airports, highways, railway stations, bridges, industrial enterprises, theaters, museums, and administrative buildings – in place of Russian war crimes destroyed by airstrikes and artillery shelling, or return these funds. Namely, these are advance payments for the services of the electronic platform for the submission of tender proposals for participation in public procurement of Ukraine, in which you decide whether to participate; Payments do not create an obligation for you to participate in purchases (only the right). In addition, you can contact us for consulting services, legal support and statistical information on procurement - thus supporting our project and staff who will be happy to help you. At the same time, we are ready to consider the terms of cooperation in other areas - in the context of a significant downturn in the Ukrainian economy due to the war, this could be important for us.

If you are ready to respond to a request for assistance in these difficult times for the Ukrainian society, **please fill in the User ID Checklist with information about your Organization attached to this Letter and send it to e-mail legal@zakupki.com.ua, in response, we will send a draft contract and an invoice for payment for online services of the electronic platform.** Payment can be for any amount, and the use of funds in your personal account - at any time.

We also call for an end to any cooperation with legal entities and individuals related to state institutions/authorities of the Russian Federation, persons who support military action against Ukraine, to reduce funding for the aggressor state and its supporters. In addition, we urge governments to provide Ukraine with effective air defenses as soon as possible so that Ukraine can close its skies on its own without compromising any country's neutrality, saving tens of thousands of civilians in Ukraine, including children killed by Russian missiles.

We sincerely hope for understanding and assistance. Only the joint efforts of a civilized community can overcome the catastrophe in the middle of the European continent.

If you have the opportunity, please distribute this appeal to your Clients and Partners - they may also be willing to support our project and its staff in this difficult time.

**Kind regards,
Director of LLC "ZAKUPKI:UA"**



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